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In re Application of:

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VACUUM HEAT INSULATOR, AND ELECTRIC WATER HEATER

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 20, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire February 20, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraphs beginning at page 15, line 14 with the following rewritten paragraphs:

--The operation of the embodiment is explained. The vacuum heat insulator of the embodiment is used as a heat insulator for heating cooker or heating-hot insulating device. The vacuum heat insulator of the invention has a vacuum layer of about 10 mm in thickness by the acting as the core of the insulating core 105. This vacuum heat insulator has a thermal conductivity of about 0.006 kcal/mh°C (about 0.007 W/m-K). In

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